

Prior to this meeting, notice was given to the public by posting at the appropriate place in the Courthouse, Eagle River City Hall, Olson Memorial Library and in addition, copies of the notice of the meeting were forwarded to the news media: Vilas County News Review, Lakeland Times, Rhinelander Daily News, Northwoods River News, FYI Northwoods News, News of the North and Radio Stations WERL, WHDG, WLSL-FM, Coyote 93.7 in compliance with the open meeting law.

Present: Charles Rayala, Jr., Al Bauman, Kathleen Rushlow, and Ron De Bruyne. Not Present: Chris Mayer. Also Present: Jarred Maney – Highway Commissioner/Patrol Superintendent, Louise A. Krus – Highway Committee Secretary, Ted Ritter – Invasive Species Coordinator, and Ken Anderson.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Rayala.

Motion by Bauman, second by De Bruyne to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order, for the January 6, 2014 meeting – all voted aye.

Motion by Bauman, second by Rushlow to approve the minutes for the December 9th meeting – all voted aye.

Right of Way Invasive Species Management Plan – Ted Ritter – Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator talked to the committee about the Management Plan which the committee members had the chance to review prior to the meeting. In 2009 the State of Wisconsin approved the plan to be overseen by the DNR. Motion by Bauman, second by Rushlow for the Highway Committee to approve the plan and to have the Highway Department participate in the management of the invasive species on State and County road right of ways – all voted aye.

Tamarack Flowage Information – nothing new to report at this time.

Snowplowing Overtime Report – Jarred told the committee that the December report only went through December 28th but that the amount of money that Vilas County made through that date was \$7,392.48. Motion by Bauman, second by Rushlow to approve paying overtime on Saturdays and Sundays – all voted aye.

Fuel System Update – Jarred told the committee that there was nothing new at this time.

Update on Roads, Equipment and Building and Grounds – Roads – Bauman mentioned that the intersection of Hwy 47 & CTH “D” needs to be a four way stop for safety reasons. **Equipment** – Jarred told the committee that the two new Patrol Trucks (cab & chassis) are in Wausau. The first one could possibly be ready in February and the second one a few weeks later. Jarred also mentioned that we might need to install and equip some radio repeaters (at a cost of approximately \$5000.00) as there are still some areas where we have no radio reception or even cell phone reception. Motion by Rushlow, second by Bauman to contact the Communications Committee to get on the agenda regarding this issue – all voted aye. **Building and Grounds** – The boiler (furnace) at the Arbor Vitae shop has been repaired.

Approve Payroll Reports, Hwy Committee vouchers & previously paid bills – Motion by Bauman, second by Rushlow to approve as presented – all voted aye.

Budget 2013 – Nothing new at this time.

Lead Person Resolution – Jarred told the committee that he would like to have one lead person at each outlaying shop – one in Boulder Junction and one in Arbor Vitae and he would like to pay that person more money for the added responsibilities that they will take on. Motion by De Bruyne, second by Bauman to approve the two positions and to give a \$1.00 per hour increase in pay to \$21.90 per hour – voting aye – Rayala, De Bruyne and Bauman. Voting no – Rushlow – because she would like to see the wage study first. Motion carried.

Pay Increase for LTE employees – Jarred told the committee that two of the LTE’s pay is presently \$19.00 per hour and he would like a \$1.00 per hour increase for these two LTE employees. Motion by Bauman, second by De Bruyne to approve the increase – Voting aye – Rayala, Bauman and De Bruyne. Voting no – Rushlow. Motion carried. The committee would like Jarred to send a letter to the Personnel Committee requesting a copy of the wage study before any other pay increases are approved.

Creating Part-Time Highway Patrol Position – Resolution – Motion by Bauman, second by De Bruyne to approve the resolution – all voted aye.

Letters and Communications – Jarred told the committee that Trempealeau County may be interested in purchasing our paver.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 17th at 10:00 am.

Motion by Rushlow, second by Bauman to adjourn – all voted aye.
Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise A. Krus, Secretary